

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: VIRTUAL VENTURE TRADE GAME SYSTEM AND VENTURE TARGET  
RELATED INFORMATION DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

3. (Amended) The virtual venture trade game system of claim 1, further comprising,  
electronic mail address storing means for storing the electronic mail address of each  
player; wherein

said venture target related information transmitting means changes said venture target  
related information into electronic mail messages and transmits said venture target related  
information to the players as electronic mail based on the stored content of said electronic mail  
address storing means.

6. (Amended) The venture target related information distributing system of claim 4,  
further comprising

electronic mail address storing means for storing an electronic mail address of each user,  
wherein

said venture target related information transmitting means changes said venture target related information into electronic mail messages, and transmits said venture target related information as electronic mail to the users based on the stored content in said electronic mail address storing means.

7. (Amended) The venture target related information distributing system of claim 4, wherein

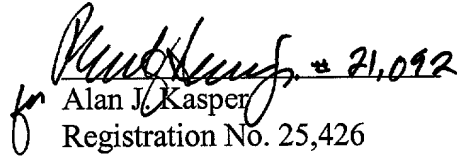
said venture target type storing means stores the type of venture target owned by each user in reality or virtually, with association to each user.

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

### VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

**The claims are amended as follows:**

3. (Amended) The virtual venture trade game system of claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, further comprising, electronic mail address storing means for storing the electronic mail address of each player; wherein

said venture target related information transmitting means changes said venture target related information into electronic mail messages and transmits said venture target related information to the players as electronic mail based on the stored content of said electronic mail address storing means.

6. (Amended) The venture target related information distributing system of claim 4 ~~or~~ 5, further comprising

electronic mail address storing means for storing an electronic mail address of each user, wherein

said venture target related information transmitting means changes said venture target related information into electronic mail messages, and transmits said venture target related information as electronic mail to the users based on the stored content in said electronic mail address storing means.

7. (Amended) The venture target related information distributing system of ~~any one of claims 4 through 6~~ claim 4, wherein

said venture target type storing means stores the type of venture target owned by each user in reality or virtually, with association to each user.